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Airports without Flight Operations
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports/airstrips in the country at present which are not being used or operationalised without flights, State/UT-wise;

(b) the loss of revenue that the Government has accrued/likely to accrue because of non-operationalisation of flights;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make all such airports operational by introducing flights from there;
(d) whether the Government has adopted any process for co-ordination among various States in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the names of the companies which have shown interest in introducing flights from above airports and on such air routes?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Details of "Non-Operational Airports & Operational Airports" of Airports Authority of India (AAI) without flights operations are at Annexure 1 & II.;
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(b): Among the above airports, AAI has earned a revenue of Rs. 44.50 Crore from Juhu Airport in the financial year 2016-17 and the aggregate loss of revenue from the remaining airports is Rs. 216.78 Crore for the same financial year.
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(c) to (e): Flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. It is upto the airline operators to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. However, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme [Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)] in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports by making it affordable. ;
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The revival of airstrips/airports is ""demand driven"", depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions such as reduction of VAT to 1% or less on ATF, provision of security and fire services free of cost etc. The State Governments are required to sign an Memorandum of Understanding with Govt. of India to participate in UDAN scheme. Airports Authority of India (AAI) follows a transparent bidding process to award the routes / networks to bidders/airline operators who submit valid proposals and quote the lowest Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from the Government for such routes / networks. ;
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(f): Turbo Megha Airways Pvt Ltd., Air Odisha Aviation Pvt Ltd., Spicejet Ltd., Deccan Charters Pvt Ltd. and Airline Allied Services Ltd. have shown interest in introducing flights on various routes under UDAN scheme.